



Cityscene

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A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax



DATELINE

Boards and Commissions on Hiatus in August

Most city boards and commission, including the School Board and City Council, are not scheduled to meet in August. Meetings resume in September.

Most City Council, School Board and Planning Commission meetings are televised on Cityscreen-12. Televised meetings and agendas may be viewed on the city's website; click on "Meeting Video and Documentation" on the home page. DVDs of televised meetings also are available.

Moody's Affirms City's Aaa Bond Rating

Moody's Investors Service moved the rating outlook to stable and affirmed the Aaa on four states (including Virginia) and 37 local governments (including the City of Fairfax) following the move last month to a stable outlook on the US government's Aaa rating.

When Moody's placed the US government on negative outlook in 2011, it revised the outlooks of certain Aaa-rated US municipal issuers to negative to reflect their close economic, financial and capital markets linkages to the federal government.

The conditions that led to the return to a stable outlook on the US government rating reduce the exposure to these risks over Moody's outlook period. For information, call 703-385-7870.

If you're new to the city, welcome!
Call 703-385-7800
for new resident information.

Website Changes on Horizon

Big changes are afoot for the city's website: a new look with plenty of new features. The graphic-rich website will debut in early September.

The site will be leaner, with streamlined information and drop-down menus for easy navigation. The new interactive calendar will allow Web users to add city

events in their personal Web calendars from the city website.

Updates have been designed based on suggestions by city residents, business owners and other Web users — and will allow the city efficient administration of the site. For information, call 703-293-7139.

Decals on City Streets Greet Mason Students



Fall semester at George Mason University begins August 26. Student move-in on campus begins August 22, and the City Council welcomes new Mason students at a barbecue August 24 at the Veterans Amphitheater. Look for Mason Nation decals (pictured, left) on the streets of Fairfax and the Mason Fairfax campus. (Photo by Cathy Wolfe, George Mason University)

Red Light Cameras to be Installed at Three Additional City Intersections

The City of Fairfax plans to install three new red light cameras in city intersections this autumn:

- Route 123/Chain Bridge Road (northbound) at Eaton Place
- Fairfax Boulevard (eastbound) at Plantation Parkway
- Route 236/Main Street (westbound) at Pickett Road.

As with current red light camera intersections, multiple cameras will monitor traffic at each intersection. These new intersections will be marked with signage identifying them as "red light photo enforced" in each direction — as are current red light intersections.

The city currently has red light cameras at two intersections: North Street at University Drive and Fairfax Boulevard at

Fairfax Circle. Multiple cameras monitor eastbound and westbound traffic at these intersections.

When a red light citation is issued, the registered owner of the cited vehicle is mailed a notice of violation and a secure PIN to access the citation online. The citation includes two still photographs and a 12-second video of the vehicle, which are reviewed by police department personnel before the citation is issued.

The \$50 fine may be pre-paid on the website — or the citation may be challenged in city traffic court.

Registered owners who were not driving the vehicles in question may sign a sworn affidavit, and the citation will be nullified.

For information, call 703-273-2889.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Be Informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit

Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared.

Take the time now, before an emergency, to learn about the types of hazards you may encounter at home, work, and when traveling — and plan basic protective actions you should take when it occurs.

Ready.gov, the website of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has resources to assist with planning for emergencies — for work, day care and school, sports events, commuting and other environments in which household members regularly find themselves.

For assistance, call the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at 703-385-4856 during business hours.

When the Power Goes Out....

Keep abreast of power outages through Dominion Virginia Power (www.dom.com; 888-366-4357, available 24/7) — and keep non-electric tools handy (flashlights, manual can openers, etc.).

Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know emergency exit routes as well as the building management emergency phone numbers.

Keep generators outside buildings for safety purposes. Be mindful of the noise they cause and consider turning them off at night, if possible. (Cold/frozen items will remain safe for hours in a closed refrigerator.)

Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.

Evaluate Trees for Weakness, Damage

Property owners are responsible for the care of trees on their properties and should have tree experts assess their trees' health and stability.

Find a tree trimmer/service provider before one is needed (neighbors or homeowner associations may be able to offer suggestions). *Remember: contractors must dispose of their own debris.*

Property owners must obtain permits from the Zoning Office to remove trees with trunk diameters of five inches or

Emergency Preparedness Kit Check List

- ☞ water (one gallon per person and pet per day)
- ☞ non-perishable food for 3-5 days, manual can opener, disposable plates and utensils
- ☞ non-electric items (radio, flashlight, etc.)
- ☞ first aid supplies
- ☞ trash bags
- ☞ disinfectant/bleach
- ☞ duct tape
- ☞ cash/traveler's checks
- ☞ clothing (one or two complete clothing changes)
- ☞ bedding
- ☞ tools (including extra batteries, matches)
- ☞ toiletry items, including prescription drugs
- ☞ special needs items for elderly, ill, children
- ☞ pet supplies (food and water for three days, medicine if needed, first aid kit, litter box or sealable plastic bag and sanitizing supplies for waste; familiar items and toys, carrier or crate, spare leash/collar/ID tags)
- ☞ important documents
- ☞ entertainment (books, games)

Keep ready in case utilities are down or evacuation is needed.

more on a lot larger than a half-acre. For information, call 703-385-7820.

The city evaluates trees on public land such as medians and parks. To report problems, call 703-385-7995.

Utility companies regularly assess branches around their lines; however, the public may report problems to Dominion Virginia Power: 888-366-4357.

Keep a List of Reliable Service Providers Before They're Needed

Who would you call if the air conditioner or heater stopped working? If a limb crashed into the house? If snow or debris needed to be removed from walkways or backyard?

Consider preparing a list of service providers recommended by family, neighbors or friends, and making contact with them before an emergency.

Stay In Contact

Plan how to get in touch if household members become separated during an emergency. Establish points of contact inside and outside the immediate area. Use all tools available, including e-mail, texts and social media.

Plug In, Write it Down, Before An Emergency

Remember to charge batteries on

mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets, before an emergency.

Also, in case of power or Internet outages, write down important information, such as insurance policy numbers and phone contact information.

If the power is out, use a "charging station" to charge electronic equipment.

Diversify Information Sources in Emergencies

Make sure you have multiple sources for information in case a primary source is unavailable. The city has many information resources (*clip and save the list, below*). Remember: Cityscreen-12 is available on cable television *and* the city website.

Smartphones and handheld devices may provide access to e-mail, the Internet and text messages as long as service is available.

Keep a battery-powered radio on hand, or listen to the car radio, for news.

Take Care of Neighbors

Keep an eye on neighbors, family and friends, and help each other during an emergency as best you can. Service calls by utility companies, city crews or emergency services may be delayed during or immediately following an event.

In Case of Emergency...

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

eMAS message alert system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

Office of Emergency Management

703-385-4856 (TTY: 7-1-1)
regular business hours

Interest-Free Loans Available for Home Improvements

Maximum Loan Amount Increased to \$250,000

After many years, homes that once were modern and efficient may no longer meet the needs of their owners.

Those who live in detached single family homes in the city who are thinking about improvements, including upgrading the residence, make it more “green” or modify it to age-in-place, may consider this program that can make home improvements more affordable.

The non-profit City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC) makes available to qualified homeowners home improvement loans of as much as \$250,000 with no interest paid by the borrower during the first 24 months.

These loans are not income-sensitive

and are available for modernizing or repairing City of Fairfax single family homes built at least 10 years ago. Homes must display a need, such as exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence or lack of amenities found in today's new homes.

The homeowner must reside at the property being renovated and must remain in the home for at least three years from the loan closing date. As much as one quarter of the loan may be required to fund exterior improvements.

FRHC is committed to improving the quality of residential neighborhoods in the city through this ongoing program.

For information, call 703-385-2494.

Work Begins on Blenheim's Pedestrian Trail

Visitors to the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim soon will find it easier to navigate the grounds, thanks to an improved pedestrian trail that leads from the interpretive center to two of the outlying buildings: the historic residence (pictured, right) and Grandma's Cottage.

The new asphalt trail, with special treatment that will keep the historic feel of the grounds, replaces the easily-eroded gravel path. The new trail is being funded by an enhancement grant from the Virginia

Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. (Photo: Chris Cohen, City of Fairfax)



FVFD Seeks Volunteers, Gives Rewarding Opportunities

Whenever there is a fire or medical emergency in the region, the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) works with the City of Fairfax Fire Department. For nearly seven decades, volunteers have worked alongside Fairfax's career firefighters.

Among the FVFD volunteer opportunities are firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) positions. In addition to extensive initial training required for EMT and firefighter positions — which is at the same level of skill as their career counterparts — volunteers undergo at least 40 hours of continuing

education training every year.

Along with emergency work, volunteers help with education programs, fundraising, medical standby at special events and more.

Volunteers receive many benefits, including reduced gym membership initiation fees, free health exams and reduced taxes. Volunteers who meet established criteria pay minimal personal property tax (which currently is 1¢ per \$100 of assessed value for those who qualify).

For information, visit fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-385-7877.



ALMANAC

Toter Cans an Option for City Residents

City residents who receive refuse/recycling service from the city may use “toter” trash cans for recycling, yard waste and other materials. Please clearly identify the content on each container (yard waste, trash, recyclables, etc.) and consider including a home address.

The city provides blue recycling bins upon request to its recycling customers. *Please note: the city is not responsible for damaged or missing trash containers.*

Recycling, Disposal Information Available

The City of Fairfax has two flyers to help residents properly dispose of trash and recyclables in the city:

- *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, which lists what items may be disposed of where and how in the city, and
- *Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*, which lists what items are recycled in the blue bins collected by the city.

For a copy of the flyers, visit the city's website (click on “Refuse & Recycling” on the home page) or call 703-385-7837.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837



Birds, bunnies, kitties, pups and more— find a

new companion at

the Adoption Event,

11 am to 2 pm August 3 at

Town and Country

Animal Hospital.

Info: info@petsbringjoy.com

703-385-7919 • Sponsored by

City of Fairfax Police

Department and

Pets Bring Joy





Learn about crime and drug prevention on National Night Out August 6, when public safety providers visit participating neighborhoods with fire trucks, police motorcycles and more. Information: 703-273-2889, PolicePIO@fairfaxva.gov.

Tax Holiday Set for August 2-4

The Commonwealth of Virginia has established a tax holiday August 2-4 to help with back-to-school purchases, including these items:

- qualifying school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item (including calculators, book bags, binders, etc.)
- qualifying clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item.

For information, visit www.tax.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8031.

Support Blenheim at Taste of the Vine September 27

Support Historic Blenheim and enjoy an evening of fine food and wine at Taste of the Vine, a fundraiser to be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. September 27 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway.

Tickets cost \$50 per person and include hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, music, silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit Historic Blenheim restoration. Tickets may be purchased at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street.

The event is sponsored by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. For information, call 703-591-5305.

Find out first! Find out fast!

Sign up for eMAS, the City of Fairfax electronic message alert system, on the city's website: www.fairfaxva.gov.

see the city's website!



Applications Accepted for Citizens Police Academy

Learn more about the functions and role of the City of Fairfax Police Department by attending the Citizens Police Academy.

The citizens police academy does not train individuals to be police officers. Rather, it introduces them to the operations and personnel of the department. Participants meet police officers in a friendly, neutral setting and provides an opportunity for the police and citizens to

develop an understanding of each other.

The 11-week academy is open to U.S. citizens age 18 and older who live or work in the city. Participants must pass a background check, and classes are taught at the city police facilities. Classes begin September 5 and enrollment is limited.

Applications, accepted through August 15, are available on the city website and from the police department.

For information, call 703-273-2889.

Partial Tax Exemption Offered for Renovated Homes

Residents who plan to substantially upgrade their older residences may be eligible for a partial real estate tax exemption. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residence that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. Exemptions are given for a 10-year period, with a 100 percent exemption of the increased value for the first five years then decreasing percentage for years six through 10.

The single-family house or duplex must be at least 15 years old and improve-

ments must increase the assessed value by at least 15 percent. Homeowners must obtain appropriate building permits and inspections during the home improvement process.

Apply for the exemption *before construction begins* (preferably as soon as any required building permits are granted). The city assessor will establish the home's base value before construction begins and approve the exemption upon final inspection after construction is finished. For information, call 703-385-7840.

Cityscreen-12 Goes HD

This month, Cityscreen-12 is upgrading to High-Definition (HD).

All Cityscreen-12 programs — including meetings, *The Fairfax Scene*, PSAs and more — will be produced in HD beginning in September.

Cityscreen-12 is making these upgrades in August when the City Council, School Board and most city boards and commissions are on hiatus. When

they return, televised meetings and all Cityscreen-12 programming will feature improved picture quality, better graphics and a widescreen format.

These improvements are funded with cable television PEG fees that are designated to be used only to fund equipment upgrades, per franchise agreements with Cox and Verizon. For information, call 703-385-7803.

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- **Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies: mechanical/plumbing, fire protection representatives) — Hears appeals to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code and makes recommendations to the state board of housing for changes or modifications to the building code.
- **Commission on Organ Tissue Donation and Transplantation** (one vacancy for city resident) — Heightens awareness of the need for donations.
- **Community Appearance Committee** (one vacancy for city resident or business representative) — Coordinates the city's Adopt-a-Spot program and clean-up month/day programs, in addition to commercial, residential and holiday decoration award programs. Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.
- **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Serves as directorate for the local programs within the local Alcohol Safety Action Program.
- **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy for alternate position for a city resident) — Hears grievances of city employees, which ready the fifth and final step of the grievance procedure. Meets as needed.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy for city resident) — Studies and makes recommendations to the City Council on park and recreation facilities and programs. Meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission.

Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required (at least one year living in the city and registered to vote in the city). Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Burrell. Vacancies are subject to change.

Diversity candidates are encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.

Immunization, Records Needed for New Students Attending Fairfax Schools

In Virginia, children age 5 or older on or before September 30 may be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year. Parents who do not want their children to attend kindergarten must notify the school in writing. Children age 6 on or before September 30 must attend school.

The city contracts with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for education services. To find out which school a child should attend, call 571-423-2330 or visit www.fcps.edu/boundary.

Qualifying parents may elect to provide home instruction for their school-age children; call 571-423-4460.

To enroll a new student, provide required documents, including the child's birth certificate, a certificate of physical examination, Social Security number, evidence of immunization and proof of residency. Transfer students also need school records or transcripts from the school they previously attended. For information, call 703-204-6726.

Free immunization is offered at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway; 703-246-7100.

For news and more information on school enrollment, visit www.cityoffairfaxschools.org or call 703-385-7911.

City Upholds Noise Laws

A certain amount of ambient noise can be expected in any neighborhood. However, there are some noise situations from which citizens may seek relief.

City Code Section 38-11 states that devices must be kept at a lower volume between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. every day. However, a violation may occur any time there is continued, loud, unnecessary or unusual disturbing noise that can be heard outside the facility or 50 feet or more from the source.

Construction may take place only from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and recognized holidays. Work that generates noise is prohibited at all other times unless related to a legitimate emergency or unless a permit is issued to allow for night work. Interior construction that does not

create noise audible at the property line is permitted at any time.

Citizens may call the city police department at 703-385-7924 to report noise violations. Neighbors who can safely settle noise problems among themselves, however, are encouraged to do so.

Anyone who suspects a noise that indicates domestic violence or animal abuse should call the police immediately.

When calling the police department, give as much information as possible, including the location and type of noise.

Complaints may be registered anonymously and calls can be kept confidential, but callers should leave their names in case police need to contact them or if the caller wants to check the complaint status.

For information, call 703-385-7924.

Share your Talents With the City: Volunteer for a Board or Commission

City residents and business people who want to volunteer on behalf of their communities may consider joining one of the city's boards and commissions.

From arts to aging, from community appearance to parks and recreation, from history to elections, there's bound to be a board or commission of interest. A list of city and regional boards and commissions is available on the city's website or from the City Clerk's Office in City Hall.

Current vacancies are announced in *The Cityscene* (on page 4), on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website.

Additionally, board vacancy news and notices are sent out via eMAS using the category *Boards and Commissions*

Vacancies and News. Update your subscription to — or sign up for — eMAS to start receiving messages regarding board and commission vacancies and news; visit emas.fairfaxva.gov.

Interested citizens may apply to join a commission or board when a vacancy arises. For the majority of city boards and commissions, City Council interviews applicants and appoints individuals. (There are exceptions.)

Applicants must be registered voters. If residency is required, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year. The city encourages diversity in its candidates. For information, e-mail CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7935.



NVTA Meeting Replay

A replay of the July 24 Northern Virginia Transportation Authority public hearing will be shown at 10 am and 7 pm August 1-4.

The Fairfax Scene

Through the month of August, tune in at 2 pm and 6 pm to learn about historic happenings in the City of Fairfax.

The Fairfax Scene plays at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily. Shows are archived online under "special programming" and on the city's YouTube channel.

Encore!

Enjoy an encore presentation of a musical performance at 4 pm daily.

The Road to Recovery

Beginning August 5, this U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will be shown at 10 am and 7 pm daily through the end of the month. The series focuses on issues surrounding mental health and substance abuse disorders.



Find Special Programs on YouTube

From the Independence Day Parade to Spotlight on the Arts, special programs are available to watch at your convenience on Cityscreen-12's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/CityofFairfaxVA.

Program Copies Available

A limited number of copies of Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan. To borrow a program on DVD, contact the Community Relations Office (703-385-7855; information@fairfaxva.gov) or the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library; 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

Some programs may be purchased; call 703-385-7803.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7803



CITY COUNCIL REPORTER

June 11, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Fort Myer Construction Corporation in an amount of \$123,391 for Route 50 Incident Management Corridor Improvements; Consideration of a resolution to endorse WMATA's *Momentum: The Next Generation of Metro-strategic plan*; Consideration of a resolution allowing for the extension of a Parking Lot Lease Agreement between the City and The Business Investment Group, LLC, for the lease of approximately 46 parking spaces located at the intersection of Sager Avenue and University Drive; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the filing of a joint petition for an Order and Writ of Election to fill a vacancy in the Office of Sheriff for Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax; Consideration of a resolution amending the City Council policy regarding levels of adjustment to unusually high wastewater utility bills; Consideration of a resolution adopting the 2013 City of Fairfax Emergency Operations Plan.

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the appropriation resolutions for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Water, Transit, Stormwater, Cable, Old Town, and Commercial Real Estate Transportation Tax Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$814,261 for FY 2013 non-discretionary expenditures.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$275,336 for FY 2012-2013 Federal and State Grant Expenditures.

of a contract to Arthur Construction Co. in an amount of \$724,428.50 for brick and concrete repairs for fiscal year 2013-14; Consideration of an award of a contract to renovate the Council Chambers and Work Session room with HD cameras and other features; Consideration of an award of contract for supply and delivery of hydrated lime for the Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant; Consideration of an award of a Two-Year Contract to Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for External Audit Services for fiscal year 2012-13 and fiscal year 2013-14 and a Three-Year to Cherry Bekaert for fiscal year 2014-15 through fiscal year 2016-17 with three optional one-year renewals; Consideration of a resolution permitting USbancorp Government Leasing & Finance Corporation to reimburse the city from escrow funds for vehicles paid from the General Fund. *(Councilmembers DeMarco and Schmidt were absent.)*

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the proposed text amendment to City Code, and the addition of a new Chapter 7, Domestic Beekeeping, to establish regulations with respect to the keeping of honey bees on properties within the R-1, R-2, and R-3 Zoning Districts. *(Councilmembers DeMarco and Schmidt were absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the request of Good Eats Turnpike, LLC dba Flippin' Pizza, Applicant, by Any Chen, LLC Member, for a special use permit pursuant to City Code to allow the operation of a specialty food establishment that provides delivery service in the C-2 Retail Commercial District at 9548-C Main Street, subject to conditions. *(Councilmembers DeMarco and Schmidt were absent.)*

City Code pertaining to holidays and leave for city employees; Consideration of an award of a contract with Fort Myer Construction Corporation in an amount of \$123,700 for the purchase and installation of seven additional traffic video cameras to augment the city's existing system.

Public hearings

- Approved, 4-2, the proposed text amendments to City Code to establish regulations with respect to medical care facilities within the city. *(In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Drummond, Greenfield, and Stombres; opposed: Councilmembers Meyer and Schmidt.)*



DID YOU KNOW

The public is encouraged to attend City Council meetings and work sessions.

Regular meetings usually are scheduled at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the City Hall Annex (except August). Work sessions typically are scheduled immediately following the meetings. Additional work sessions and meetings are scheduled as needed.

The public may address the Mayor and City Council at regular meetings. Call 703-385-7935 to sign up to speak at a meeting, or to confirm meeting information.

Meeting agendas are available on the city's website, from the City Clerk's Office and at the meeting.

Televised meetings and work sessions are available on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, online and on cable television. Televised work sessions and meetings may be viewed (with agendas) or downloaded as MP3 (audio) and MP4 (video) files from the city's website. Meetings also may be borrowed on DVD from the city (703-385-7803) and from the City of Fairfax Regional Library Virginia Room (703-293-6227).

June 25, 2013

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of a contract to Arthur Construction Co. in an amount of \$1,596,327.25 for milling and paving of city streets for fiscal year 2013-14; Consideration of an award

July 9, 2013




Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$130,000 to fund trail design and construction from Plantation Parkway to the western boundary of Fairfax Boulevard Marketplace; Introduction of an ordinance amending

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City of Fairfax Community Calendar

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Helpful Phone Numbers City government information..... 703-385-7855 City News and Events Line..... 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events Line..... 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center..... 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center..... 703-385-8414 FHS Sports Line..... 703-749-8130 George Mason University events..... 703-993-1056 Information is subject to last-minute change.		Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. For information, visit today.gmu.edu or call 703-993-1056.	City business owners, be sure to sign up for "Business News" via eMAS, the city's electronic message alert system: emas.fairfaxva.gov	1 Fairfax City Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	2 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing</i> Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	3 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing</i> Farmers' Market Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm Animal Adoption Event, 11 am to 2 pm, Town and Country Animal Hospital
4 <i>Tax holiday for school supplies and clothing</i> Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets	5 Did you miss the city's 2013 Independence Day Parade on Cityscreen-12? Catch it (and other programs) on the city's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/CityofFairfaxVA	6 National Night Out English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library 	7 InterService Club Council Volunteer of the Year ceremony, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Community Center	8 Help the city save money: recycle! The city pays a fee for landfill use, but not for recyclables disposal. More recycling tips: 703-385-7816, Stefanie.Kupka@fairfaxva.gov	9 Sherwood Cinema Series: <i>Wreck-It Ralph</i> , 7 pm, Sherwood Community Center Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	10 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm Swing Dances at Sherwood, 8 pm (free dance lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center
11 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Second Sunday Series: <i>The Story of Pie</i> , 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	12 Evening Book Discussion, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	13 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	14 Check out Leisure Times for classes, trips, activities, special events and more!	15 Afternoon Reading Group, 1 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	16 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	17 Farmers' Market Secure document shredding, 8 am to noon, North County Human Services Center, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours, 11 am to 2 pm
18 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Electric Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road	19 Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament, Army Navy Country Club	20 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	21  Fall semester begins at Northern Virginia Community College	22 George Mason University freshman move-in	23 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	24 New student barbecue, 11 am to 2 pm, Veterans Amphitheater Old Town Fairfax Walking Tour, 11 am, Ratcliffe-Allison House General James Longstreet in Gettysburg, 2 pm, Civil War Interpretive Center
25 Sunday Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets	26  Fall semester begins at George Mason University	27 English Conversation Group, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	28	29	30 Bingo, 7:15 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	31 Farmers' Market, 8 am to 1 pm, West and Main streets Ratcliffe-Allison House guided tours

City government offices and facilities will be closed September 2 in observance of Labor Day. General District Court will be closed. CUE Bus will run on a Saturday schedule. Trash and recycling will not be collected; put items at the curb for collection on Tuesday, September 3. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center will be open. Information: www.fairfaxva.gov; 703-273-1776.

ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

Sherwood Cinema Series: Wreck-It Ralph August 9; Donations Accepted

Watch *Wreck-It Ralph* for free at 7 p.m. August 9 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Participants may bring their own snacks — and, from 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items.

Legacy for Fairfax Golf Tournament August 19

Golfers are invited to participate in the 2013 Legacy for Fairfax Charity Golf Tournament August 19 at the Army Navy Country Club.

Legacy for Fairfax is a non-profit organization that accepts contributions in the form of tax-deductible gifts and naming opportunities for the city's community center and parks, trails and facility equipment.

For information, visit www.legacyfor-fairfax.org or call 703-385-7858.

Concerts on the Plaza Continue Though August

"Friday at the Plaza," the concert series featuring the City of Fairfax Band and its ensembles, continues at 7:30 p.m.

Fridays through August 30 at Old Town Plaza, 3995 Chain Bridge Road. Please provide your own seating. Concerts may be cancelled in case of inclement weather; check www.fairfaxband.org or call 703-757-0220.

Step into Fairfax History This Summer

Learn about city history by strolling in Old Town Fairfax, the heart of

Northern Virginia.

A guided walking tour is offered at 11 a.m. August 24, September 14 and October 26.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Meet at the Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main Street — which has free guided tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October.

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